GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MISUSE OF DISPOSABLE SYRINGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disposable syringes are still being re-used in certain Government hospitals across the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to switch to auto- disposable syringes in order to reduce the risk of injection related infections?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): In Central Government Hospitals only disposable syringes are used. After single use these syringes are disposed off as per provisions of the Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and are not being re-used.